THE MINUTES

OF

THE EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD AT CARTERSVILLE, GA.,

From Dec. 2 to Dec. 7 1874.

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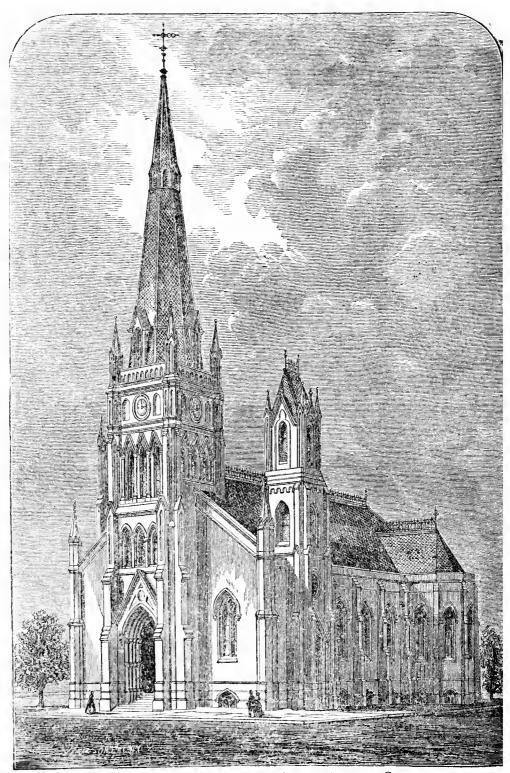
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.—A. M. Thigpen, W P. Rivers, J. J. Singleton.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.—Candidates.—W. R. Foote, Sr., W. J. Cotter, D. J. Myrick. First year.—W. A. Simmons, A. J. Jarrell, G. H. Pattillo. Second year.—J. Lewis, Jr., W. A. Rogers, J. T. Norris. Third year.—A. M. Thigpen, L. J. Davies, G. G. Smith. Fourth year.—W. P. Harrison, J. E. Evans, D. Kelsey.

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MINUTES OF 1874.

1. Admitted on Trial.

James E. England, Jesse J. Harris, Charles L. Pattillo, Thomas J. Edwards, William H. Trammell, James W. Lee, Urban W. Nortan, Edward A. Gray, Thomas R. Kendall, Franklin M. T. Brannon—10.

2. Remain on Trial.

Wylie T. Laine, Thomas J. Adams, George W Thomas, John W G. Watkins, William L. Wooten, Jr., William H. Speer, Charles E. Dowman, Walter L. Yarbrough, William R. Foote, Jr., John D. Gray, George E. Bonner, William W. Lampkin, Joseph H. Bentley, Samuel A. Mitchell—

3. Discontinued

W O. Butler and John F. Jones, at their own request-2.

4. Admitted into full Connection.

Clement C. Carey, Eli Smith, Marion L. Underwood. Benjamin F. Fariss, John H. Masbhurn, Jr., William P. Smith, William H. LaPrade, Samuel P. Jones, John T. Riehardson—9.

5. Readmitted.

None.

6. Received by Transfer.

John T. Richardson, Isaae G. Parks, Miller H. White, William E. Shackleford, William F. Lewis, J. Fletcher Mixon. Harwell H. Parks—7.

7. Deacons of one year.

James S. Embry, John R. Pate, Joshua M. Parker, Heyden C. Christian, Robert P. Martyn, George W. Hardaway, Isaae G. Parks—7.

8. Traveling Preachers Elected Deacons.

John D. Gray, Clement C. Carey, Eli Smith, Samuel P Jones, Marion L. Underwood, John H. Mashburn, Jr., William P. Smith, John T. Richardson—8.

9. Traveling Preachers Ordained Deacons.

John D. Gray, Clement C. Carey, Eli Smith, Samuel P. Jones, Marion L. Underwood, John H. Mashburn, Jr., William P. Smith, John T. Richardson—S.

10. Local Preachers Elected Deacons.

Isma W Thomas, Robert L. Campbell, James M. Bishop, George T. King, William H. Tigner, Joseph Cohron, Arnold S. Smith, George M. Robinson, Albert G. Banks, Ahashabia Johnston, John B. Britton, William D. Owen, received from Baptist Church and his orders recognised.

11. Local Preachers Ordained Deacons.

Isma W. Thomas, Robert L. Campbell, Joseph Cohron, Arnold S. Smith, George M. Robinson, John B. Britton, J. Thomas Rogers—7.

12. Traveling Preachers Elected Elders.

William H. LaPrade, John B. McFarland, Walter R. Branliam, Jr., James N. Myers, James Sidney Bryan—5.

13. Traveling Preachers Ordained Elders.

William H. LaPrade, John B. McFarland, Walter R. Branham, Jr., James N. Mycrs, James Sidney Bryan.

14. Local Preachers Elected Elders.

Robert A. Eakes, Benjamin W. Allison, William E. Jones, William J. Roladar, Christopher C. Davis, Thomas Turner, Anthony Smith, received from M. E. Church and his orders recognized.

15. Local Preachers Ordained Elders,

Thomas Turner, William J. Roladar, Christopher C. Davis, Franklin M. T. Brannon-4.

16. Located.

Thomas H. Gibson, Benjamin W Williams, on their own request—2. 17. Supernumerary.

Ebenezer G. Murrah, John T. Norris, Robert A. Seale, John P. Howell, Peter A. Heard, Alexander Means, John M. Lowery, Joshua M. Parker, Robert P. Martyn, Eldridge K. Aiken—10.

18. Superannuated.

Jesse W. Carroll, Robert A. Conner, Henry Cranford, Andrew J-Deavors, John M. Bright, James M. Armstrong, John P. Duncan, Milford G. Hamby, Samuel J. Bellah, John B. C. Quillian, Goodman Hughes, Morgan Bellah, Claiborne Trussell, John W. Knight, Noah H. Palmer, Miles W. Arnold, William A. Florence. Miller H. White, Richard J. Harwell—19.

19. Died.

Not one.

20. Character.

The names of all the preachers were called one by one, and after due investigation their character passed.

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21. Number of local Preachers	407
Number of members, whites, 51,056; colored, 134	51,190
22. Infants baptized	1,261
23. Adults baptized	3,302
24. Number of Sunday Schools	538
25. Number of Sunday School teachers	3,524
26. Number of Sunday School scholars	25,109
27. Amount necessary for superanuates, &c	105 00
28. Amount collected and paid on foregoing account 5,	
29. Amount contributed for Missions 8.	061 78
30. Next Conference, Griffin. Elected on first vote, and then choice	e made
unanimous.	
32. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See "appointm	ients.")

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1875.

ATHENS DISTRICT-T. F. PIERCE, P. E.

(Athens—W H. Potter, P. A. Greensboro—F. G. Hughes. Achens—W H. Potter, P. A. Greensboro—F. G. Hughes.
Heard, supernu.
E. W. Speer—Prof. in University.
Oconee St.—A. W. Williams.
Factory Mission—To be supplied.
Watkinsville—W W Oslin and W. Washington—Jesse Boring.
H. Trammell.
Madison—A. T. Mann.
Morgan—J. L. Lupo. B. Hume—
supply.

Supply.

Greensboro—F. G. Hughes.
White Plains—W. F. Smith.
Lexington—W. R. Foote, Jr. E. G.
Murrah, supernu.
Winterville—C. A. Conaway.
Washington—Jesse Boring.
Broad River—W. F. Quillian.
Little River—W W Lampkin.
Eatonton—J. Lewis, Jr.
Putnam—B. J. Johnson and W. L.
Wooten Wooten.

ATLANTA DISTRICT-JAMES E. EVANS, P. E.

Atlanta—First Clurch—Wm. P. Covington and Mt. Pleasant—W. R. Harrison. A. Means, supernu. Branham, Sr. (Payne's Chapel—T. H. Timmons, Trinity—W J. Scott, and J. M. Oxford and Social Circle—F. B. Da-Parker, superau. vies. / Evans and Oakland—J. H. Harris. City Mission—W. C. Dunlap. St. Pauls—W. A. Dodge. / Edgewood—H. J. Ellis. Newborn—M. F. Malsby. Monticello—A. Gray. Ocmulgee Ct. and Miss—J burn, Jr. Ocmulgee Ct. and Miss-J. H. Mashburn, Jr. Monroe—J. F. Mixon. Fulton—W. D. Heath. East Point—W. J. Wardlaw, and A. Emory College—M. Callaway. G. Dempsey, supply (Decatur—G. J. Pearce. Sunday School Secretary and Associate Missionary Secretary-A. 7 Flat Shoals—J. E. England. Norcross—W T Laine. Conyers—W T. Caldwell. G. Haygood. Agent Orphans' Home—W R. Foote, Sr.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT—R. W. BIGHAM, P. E.

(Augusta—St. Johns—C. A. Evans. | Warrenton—J. Lewis, Sr., and G. W 1 St. Lukes Miss.—C. W. Key. St. James—II. J. Adams. Λ sbury— \mathbf{F} Λ . Kimbell. Richmond—B. P. Fariss. Bel Air Miss.—E. P. Bonner, supply. Appling—F P. Brown. Thompson—W T Hamilton.

Hardaway. Sparta—G. II. Pattillo. Sparta Fac. Miss.—J. Purvis, supply. Hancock—J. L. Pierce, and J. Newell, supply. Crawfordville—T. J. Adams. Milledgeville—W. W. Wadsworth. Baldwin—W. L. Yarbrough.

DALTON DISTRICT-D. J. MYRICK, P. E.

Dalton—T. A. Seals.
Dalton Ct.—G. W. Thomas.
Ringgold—J. T. Richardson.
Summerville—W. P. Lovejoy.
Subligna—J. B. McFarland. Lal'ayette-P. G. Reynolds. McLemore's Cove—H. C. Christian. Spring Place—J. M. Sullivan, supply

Resaca—T. J. Simmons, supply. Callioun—A. C. Thomas. Kingston—J. J. Singleton. R. A. Scale, supernu. Murray Miss.—J. Oates, supply. Dalton Female College—William A. Rogers, President.

ELBERTON DISTRICT—A. G. WORLEY, P. E.

Elberton—W. P. Rivers, and J. H. Danielsville—B. Sanders. Grogan, supply. Elbert—D. Kelsey. Homer-J. W. G. Watkins. Belton Miss-L. D. Parrish, sup-North Lincoln—C. C. Cary.
South Lincoln—E. A. Gray.
Jefferson—W A. Fariss.
Mulberry—D. L. Anderson.
Carnesville, W. P. Smith.
F. Springs Miss—W A. Swift, (ply. Hartwell—W. T. Norman. Clarksville—W. F. Lewis. Clayton Ct. and Miss-G. E. Bonner. supply.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—JOHN R. PARKER, P. E.

L. Underwood. Dawsonville—C. L. Pattillo. Cumming-L. P Neese. Alpharetta—J. S. Embry. Canton-W. G. Hanson. Cherokee—J. N. Myers. Cleveland—Eli Smith. Narcooehee—W. Branham, Jr. Blairsville--T. J. Edwards.

Dahlonega and Jones Chapel—M. Morganton—P W Arwood, supply. Gainesville-J. M. Dickey. Porter Sp. Miss.—E. L. Stephens, Flowery Branch—W. E. Shackle-supply. awsonville—C. L. Pattillo. Hall—J. H. Mashburn, Sr. (Lawreneeville and New Hope-R. R. Johnson. Logansville--J. H. Bentley. Duluth—M. H. Eakes. § Ellijay—J. M. Hall. § Jasper—J. J. Harris.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT-G. W YARBROUGH, P. E.

Griffin—L. J. Davies. \(Zebulon-D. Nolan. (Flint River Mis.—W. H. Graham. Fayetteville—G. E. Gardner. Jonesboro—J. R. Pate. MeDonough—A. W Rowland. Hampton—J. D. Gray. Jackson Cir. and W. Oemulgee Mis.
—W. T. McMichael. Pleasant Hill—J. G. Bolton, supply. (Barnesville and Salem—G. Smith. / Milner – J. R. Smith, supply.

∫ Culloden—T. R. Kendall. County-Line—C. A. Mitchell. Thomaston and Rock-J. B. Payne Upson—S. A. Mitchell. Forsyth—D. D. Cox. Forsyth Circuit—J. A. Reynolds. (Clinton—J. W Knight, supply. Jones Mission—E. H. Wood. Sup't. Orphan's Home—J. Carr.

LAGRANGE DISTRICT—J. W HEIDT, P. E.

LaGrange-H. H. Parks. West Point-P. M. Ryburn. Newnan-A. M. Thigpen. Troup—L. Rush. Long Cane—J. R. Mayson, and J. Fairburn—J. M. Bowden. P. Howell, supernumerary. Whitesville—J. T. Lowe. (Greenville and Trinity-J. Baxter. Chalybeate Springs—J. Jones.
Grantville—W. J. Cotter.
Whitesburg—W. A. Simmons.
Hogansville—F. M. T. Brannon.

Aiken, supernumerary. Palmetto and Jones' Chapel—J. Sidney Bryan. (Carrolton—J. W. Stipe. H. Franklin—W. H. Speer.
Heard Mission—T. Turner, supply. Missionary to China-Y. G. Allen. District Snp. Am. Bible Soc. and Conf. Sunday-selicol Secretary-Wm. A. Parks.

Senoia-R. F Jones, and E. K.

ROME DISTRICT-W P. PLEDGER, P E.

Rome—W M. Crumly.
Rome Cir. and DeSoto Mis.—F.
F. Reynolds.
Forrestville—D. J. Weems.
Cedartown—W. H. La Prade.
Cedar Valley Cir.—J. W. Traywick, supply.
Cave Spring—B. E. L. Timmons.
Floyd—J. W Lee.
Vanwert—S. P. Jones.
Villa Rica—J. Chambers.
Haralson Mis.—D. Stripling, supply.

Cartersville—A. J. Jarrell; J. T.
Norris, supernumerary.
Marietta—W F Glenn.
Aeworth—T. S. L. Harwell and R.
H. Jones.
Roswell—W Manning, supply, and one to be snpplied.
Powder Springs—S. Leake.
Dallas—J. W Baker.
Douglassville—Isaae G. Parks.
Wesleyan Female College—W F.
Cook.

Transferred—W. W. Hieks and C. E. Dowman, to Florida Conference; Urban W. Nortan, to South Georgia Conference, and A. Odom, to Pacific Conference.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ARTICLE 1. The Board of Missions of the North Ga. Annual Conference shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and thirteen other managers, making eighteen members, to be elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference, nine of whom shall be traveling preachers, and nine local preachers or laynen, and to continue in office until their successors are appointed. The Presiding Elders shall be ex-officio members of the Board, additional to the number elected by the Conference

ART. 2. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies subject to confirmation by the Conference. When any elected manager shall be absent during two successive meetings of the Board, his place may be declared

vacant by the Board.

ART. 3. The Board shall meet twice each year. One regular meeting shall be held at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference, and another during the month of May of each year, the exact day and place to be designated by the President. Five managers present shall constitute a quorum. There shall also be a public Missionary meeting held by the Board at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference, at which time the report of the Board and of the Treasurer shall be read, and the interest of the Missionary cause promoted in such manner as the Board shall deem expedient.

ART. 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall record the proceedings and make the Annual Report of the Board, which shall contain a full statement of its operations. The treasurer shall receive and hold the funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board. He shall make and publish annually a full report of all receipts and disbursements, naming the Missions supported by the Board, and the amount appropriated and paid to each. The Assistant Treasurer shall aid the Treasurer in his du-

ties according to his direction.

ART. 5. The President shall appoint an Auditing Cammittee, who shall annually examine the books of the Treasurer, and make a written report to the Board.

MFART. 6. The powers and duties of the Board having been clearly prescribed by the General Conference, and published in Chapter 10, Article XII to XVII of the Discipline the Conference Board of Missions will confine its operations strictly within the boundaries of the Conference.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION FOR S. S. ASSOCIATIONS, ADOPTED AND RECOM-MENDED BY THE CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the —— Circuit Sunday School Association, of the M. E. Church, South, and shall be composed of all the Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Circuit, adopting this Constitution.

ARTICLE II.

All the members of the Annual Conference, Local Preachers, Superintendents and Secretarics of Sunday Schools, within the bounds of this Association shall be ev-officio members of the same. In addition to these, each School shall be entitled to one delegate for every twenty members, to be elected annually by the Schools.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and two teachers of music.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to organize new Schools; also visit and lecture those already in existence. He shall preside at all the meetings of this Association. The Vice-President shall assist the President as he may direct, and in his absence shall take his place.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all the minutes of this Association in a book kept for that purpose, and to furnish the preacher in charge at the close of the year, a complete statistical report of the condition of each School. He shall also receive all moneys coming into the Association, turn them over to the Treasurer, and take his receipt for the same. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds in his hands, upon the order of the President.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. There shall be two meetings of the Association annually, atsuch places as the Association may select, upon the first Saturday in April

and September.

SEC. 2. There shall be a general celebration of all the Schools once a year, at such time and place as the Association may direct. The programme for which shall be arranged by the April meeting, to consist of songs, essays, addresses, etc. The election of officers shall take place at the April meeting.

SEC. 3. There shall be a general collection taken up at the celebration. The money obtained shall be applied to supplying destitute Schools with literature, and to furnish poor children with clothing, etc., to enable them to attend Sabbath School.

ARTICLE VI.

The Order of Business of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer.
2. Written Report of the President and Vice-Presidents.
3. Written Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.
4. Verbal Reports of Superintendents and Delegates.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Closing Everging and Papadiation.

7. Closing Exercises and Benediction.

ARTICLE VII.

Each Association may make By-Laws for its own government, provided nothing in them shall conflict with this Constitution.

REPORTS.

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Presented their report through Dr. A. G. Haygood, in which were the following statements concerning our educational institutions:

1. Emory College.

"Emory College belongs to the Church, and has deserved well of the Church. As it seems to us every Methodist in Georgia and Florida should feel himself bound to forward the interests of the Church as represented in this honored in titution. In addition to this, your committee beg leave to say that every preacher in charge is under very special obligation to use his influence for the advancement of the college. Your committee have heard with great pleasure from the President, Dr. O. L. Smith, what had already reached them through other sources, that as to all essential material 'outfit for comfort and convenience in the work of instruction' Emory College has never been so well furnished. The new buildings several members of the committee have had the pleasure of inspecting. They are admirably arranged and well furnished. Three have been finished and paid for. The fourth, a tasteful and well arranged building for the department of Natural Science will be ready for occupancy in January next. Emory College will then lack nothing so far as buildings are concerned, except the large chapel, that is designed for use on Commencement occasions.

"In this connection we desire to express our approval of the very able and prudent management of the building committee in avoiding the contraction of debts in the erection and furnishing of the buildings already completed. We are sure that their strict adherence to the cash system

will commend their management to the confidence of the public.

"Your committee are glad to learn that the Board of Trustees, in whose fidelity and prudent management we reaffirm our confidence, adhere to their purpose of using all right means of securing an ample endowment of the College. The importance, indeed, the necessity of such an endowment is so generally recognized, that argument at this time is entirely needless. In relation to the plan adopted by the Conference one year ago for raising the endowment, your committee concur in the suggestion of the President. 'It would, doubtless, materially quicken and

energize this plan if in each pastoral charge some efficient person were appointed by the Quarterly Conference to collect during the year a small amount from all the members of that charge—these sums to be reported to the pastor and published in the minutes. Our people would thus see the progress of the work, and be stimulated and encouraged to prosecute and complete it. A few thousand dollars added each year would soon make such a fund as would not only sustain the College, but would enable the trustees to reduce tuition fees to a very low figure."

2. Wesleyan Female College.

"At the last Commencement the faithful and efficient President, Dr. E. H. Myers, resigned his position with the intention of retiring from the College at the close of this year. The Board of Trustees elected Rev. Dr. W. C. Bass to succeed the retiring President. During twenty years of faithful and successful service as a teacher of young ladies, the new President has been demonstrating his fitness for his responsible position. Your committee are highly gratified with the announcement that an honored member of this Conference, Rev. W F Cook, A. M., has been called to the Chair of Natural Science, made vacant by the election of Dr. Bass to the presidency. We do not doubt that the event will justify the judgment of the Executive Committee. Referring to the fashion, all too prevalent, of sending our daughters out of the State to be educated, Judge Jackson, of the Board of Trustees, says: 'The Board of Trustees of our College believe that if our esteemed and honored brethren, the traveling preachers of the patronizing Conferences would but exert themselves in view of the great interests involved, this educational exodus from our beloved State and Church would cease.'

"The Committee call attention to the fact that the price of tuition and board has been considerably reduced. This has been done without diminishing the number of the faculty or any educational facilities of the institution. The Committee commend this College to the patronage of our

people.

3. LaGrange Female College.

"Your Committee have received no formal information concerning this College. The following statement was made to them by a friend of the College. 'The LaGrange Female College has enjoyed during the past year only a moderate degree of prosperity. President Johnson and his accomplished assistants have been faithful, but the dilapidated condition of the building has been a serious hindrance to any decided prosperity.'"

Lucy Cobb Female Institute.

"This institution, located in Athens, although not under the care of the Conference, your Committee have no hesitation in recommending to our people in that section of the State who find it inconvenient to send to the Wesleyan Female College, at Macon. Under the care of Mrs. Wright and Rev. P A. Heard, A. M., the Lucy Cobb institute, we are assured, is doing a good part in the work of Christian education."

Resolutions.

"In conclusion your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. That the members of this Conference, lay and clerical, pledge themselves to greater diligence in forwarding the interests of our Conference Colleges.

2. That we urge upon Georgians to educate their children in Georgia, and upon Methodists to educate their children at our Conference schools.

THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS Report, in addition to other matter, the following table:

NAMES OF MISSIONS.	No. of Churches.	Value.	No. of Members.	Added this year.	No.Sund'y Schools.	No. of Scholars.
Air-Line. Blairsville Belair Clayton. City of Atlanta. Ellijay. Factory, near Athens. Franklin Springs. Heard. Haralson Jackson Circuit and Mission Jones. Morganton. Murray Oemulgee. Oconee Street, Athens. Porter Springs.	29 44 11 28 28 20 25 66 22 23 44 44	1,195 1,000 900 2,125 600 3,200 3,200 400 800	197 200 35 262 228 	44 72 477 511 9 555 68 24 87 74 25 49 49		225 217 40 70 132 202 116 150
Total	53	16,270	2,760	5 53	$ \overline{54} $	1,811

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

P. A. Heard, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the North Georgia Conference for the year 1874.

Summary Amounts Received from Districts.

	Dr.		
Augusta Distriet	1,162 70		
Atliens District	1,179 90		
Elberton District	574 00		
Athens District	424 15		
Rome District	$506 \ 45$		
Dalton District	497 80		
LaGrange District	847 48		
Atlanta District	1,445 95		
Griffin District	941 05-	-\$7,579	48
Balance on hand from 1873		67	75
Railroad dividends from H. J. Adams, Tr		32	00
Conference collection		537	65
		\$8,216	88
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By amounts paid to A. II. Redford, General Treas-			
urer, cash\$	3,226 85		
To A. H. Redford, General Treasurer, note of W			
A. Swift	50 - 00		
To Missionaries	4,925 00		
To Missionaries	11.78		
Balance on hand	25-	-\$3.216	88

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

was presented by E. H. Pottle, Delegate from the Augusta District. The Report presents the following exhibit of the operations of the American Bible Society in the boundaries of this Conference during the last five years, through the Agent, Rev. William A. Parks:

Sermons and addresses by the Agent	372
Miles traveled by the Agent 69	2.957
Money sent on Bible account \$34,56	34 95
Volumes received 8	6,058
Families visited by Canvassing Agent 3'	7,341
Families destitute.),55 4
Families supplied	4,449
Individuals supplied Sunday and other Schools supplied	3,262
Sunday and other Schools supplied,	252
New auxilliary Societies formed	92

"It will be thus seen that there are still within the limits assigued to the

Agent 5,103 families still destitute!

We most earnestly beg the Ministers of the Church to make the Bible cause prominent in their pulpit ministrations, so that the hearts of the people and Church may be stirred upon the important duty of carrying the written Gospel to the hearthstones of the poor, and benighted of our State. We respectfully suggest that much more good would be accomplished if our Ministers would all aid in organizing auxilliary Societies and distributing Bibles.

We offer the following resolutions:

1. We commend the American Bible Society, and all its adjuncts to the patronage of the Church and the people of our State.

2. That the Ministers of this Conference be requested to earnestly co-

operate in the manner set forth in the body of this Report.

3. That we respectfully request the Bishop to reappoint Rev. W. A. Parks as District Superintendent of the American Bible Society in this State, and we cordially and affectionately commend him to the confidence of the public."

"ORPHANS' HOME.

The Trustees made their report through Clement A. Evans, appointed for that purpose. The report stated that Rev. W. R. Foote, the efficient Superintendent, had reduced the expenses of the Home, and at the same time had amply provided for the orphans, and steadily improved the property. Three new rooms had been added to the dwellings, and two others finished. The fences and outbuildings had been put in good coudition. The live stock of the Home consists of 1 mule, 12 head of cattle, and 10 hogs. The farm had produced this year 8 bales of cotton, 150 bushels of corn, 3,300 lbs. fodder, and other field and garden products.

The Superintendent has traveled extensively to collect money and supplies, and to keep this great charity before the people. He reports the

following results:

Collections in cash this year Subscriptious paid this year	\$ 1. 1.	,169 , 0 13	$\frac{22}{75}$
Total cash from these sources	\$ 2	,182	97
Subscriptions taken due December 25, next	\$ 1.	,047	00
Subscription notes due January 1, 1875	•	120	50

Subscription notes due January 1, 1876	\$ $\frac{145}{114} \frac{5}{5}$	
Total subscriptions and notes	2,1829)7)0-
Total year's operations	\$ 4,492 5	- 52
Expenditures.		
For provisions	\$ 739 - 6	38
For clothing (not otherwise furnished)	76 2	30
Traveling expenses	195 - 0	
Physician's bills and medicines	51 8	
For Fertilizers	$120 \ 0$	
Ineidentals	$165 \ 0$	_
Buildings	$200 \ 0$	
Salaries	1,400 0	Ю
Total expenditures	\$ 2,947 6	- 9

The Board state that so far as current annual expenses are concerned, they have no serious difficulties to overcome in order to meet them. One great trouble alone causes them any anxiety, and places this charity of our Conference in any peril. Were that removed the Home for our orphans would be firmly established, and its prosperity assured depressing incubus they now call the particular attention of the Conference and the Church. The property of the Home is not paid for. Circumstances which have been fully narrated in previous reports, made it absolutely necessary to purchase this property on credit, or turn adrift the thirty orphans who had been placed in our eare. The present admirable farm was bought at a low price, to be paid by installments, which the Board hoped that they could meet as they fell due. But the anticipated contributions have not been made, and the land is not yet ours. But now, since it has been demonstrated that the orphans can be easily cared for though the ordinary efforts of the agent and Superintendent if the Home was relieved of this embarrassment, the Board propose to appeal to the Church and people to make a generous offering the ensuing Spring, and lift this load at once.

The Board also state that they have found it necessary to ask that subscriptions to the support of the Home be given in the form of promissory notes, where the cash is not given, but where any contributor prefers his gift to be by subscription only, the agent is authorized to receive the gift in that form.

The Superintendent reports that the plan of clothing the orphans by

Sunday Schools, Churches and Societies, is working well.

In regard to the children, the Trustees state that their improvement in personal appearance, habits, morals, and religion, has been beyond their highest expectations. Of the thirty-two inmates, twenty-seven are members of the Church, nine of them having joined the present year. Of the remaining five, two have recently come into the family, and the others are quite too small to be received on profession of faith. The children now number eighteen girls and fourteen boys. A large number of orphans have applied for admission, but could not be received, chiefly on account of want of room.

The Board having elected Rev. W R. Foote, Agent, and Rev. Joseph Carr, Superintendent, of the Home, respectfully request the Bishop to appoint them to those offices.

THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

through their Chairman, pro tem, Rev. W A. Parks, reported a form of Constitution and By-laws for Sunday School Associations, which is published in another part of these minntes. In their report they say: "We rejoice at the success of our Sunday School work during the past year and the increase in every department of Sunday School enterprise. We have 538 Sunday Schools, and 25,109 scholars. The Sunday Schools have given \$385.95 to missions, and the churches have expended \$5,546.91 on Sunday Schools

"Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we as pastors, who have taken a solemn vow to "instruct the children in every place," will be more jealous in lecturing and preaching to the children upon their soul's salvation, and that frequent meetings should be held for the special religious instruction of the children.

2. Resolved, That we recommend that there be organized in each District a District Sunday School Association, to be composed of the members of the Conference, Superintendents of Sunday Schools and delegates from the Circuit Associations, which District Association shall endeavor to promote the Circuit Associations, as well as each Sunday School in the District, and also look to the organization of Sunday Schools in unoccupied territory.
3. Resolved, That we carnestly recommend our Uniform Lessons and

the Sunday School Visitor to all of our schools.

4. Resolved, That we hereby elect Rev. William A. Parks, Conference Sunday School Secretary.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee, consisting of C. A. Mitchell, J. F. Ogletree and W. W. Williamson, reported through the Chairman, that we should regard the Publishing House, located at Nashville, as our Publishing House, and remember that the fullest measure of success can be achieved by the House only when each man has done what he could. The Books issued by the House are just such as the people need, and cach preacher should feel himself called upon to aid in their circulation.

The Christian Advocate, so ably edited by Rev. T. O. Summers, is the organ of the entire Church. And while we do not wish to see our own special organ, the Southern Christian Advocate, superseded, we would insist that it is our duty, as far as we can, to aid in sustaining this central

organ.

Our Missionary, edited by Dr. McFcrrin and Dr. Haygood, already has a large circulation in the bounds of our Conference. It is worthy of and

we hope it will have our cordial support.

The Sunday School Magazine, Lesson papers, Visitor and Little People, are justly pronounced, each in its place, an eminent success. This is more gratifying to us, because Dr. Haygood, the Editor, is one of us. These periodicals are also extensively circulated, but we should not be satisfied until every Church has a well organized Sunday School, and each Sunday School is supplied with our literature.

REPORT ON SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Was presented by W J. Scott, Chairman; A. M. Thigpen, T. M. Meriwether, J. S. Stewart and George E. Gardner, Committee. Among other things, the Committee say:

We have carefully examined the annual exhibit of J. W. Burke & Co., and have freely conferred with Bro. Burke, the Business Manager and Assistant Editor, both in regard to the past management and present condition of the Advocate. We congratulate the Church within the bounds of the patronizing Conferences on the fact that they have an organ so eminently deserving of their hearty support. The typography of the paper is admirable in all respects, while the Editor, Dr. Kennedy, is winning golden opinions from his thousands of readers. Rev. J. W Burke is likewise adding no little to the interest of the paper by the contributions of his facile pen. We regret, however, to say that the financial prosperity of the paper has not been equal to our expectations, nor,

indeed, to its own intrinsic merits.

"In the judgment of your Committee, three things are important to the prosperity of the Advocate, and even to its continued existence: First, There must be a rigid adherence to the cash system, thereby aving the heavy outlay in the shape of accruing interest and serious losses by reason of non-payment of subscriptions. Secondly, There must be an enlargement of its Advertising patronage. This may be done without any considerable detriment to the paper. Thirdly, An active general agent, or the Assistant Editor himself, should promptly take the whole field, both to canvass for subscriptions and to collect the outstanding dues, amounting now to several thousand dollars. These suggestions, if fully carried out, will greatly lessen the burden now pressing so heavily upon it, and conjoined with a more generous patronage, may make it a source of some revenue to the patronizing Conferences. Wherefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Southern Christian Advocate merits the continued

confidence and patronage of our ministry and laity.

Resolved, 2. That as clerical and lay members of this Annual Conference we will, during the incoming year, labor to place our Conference organ above the contingencies of commercial panies and monetary revulsions.

THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS,

through their Chairman, A. M. Thigpen, reported to the Conference that no member of the body had died during the year. When the announcement was made the Conference united in fervent thanksgiving to God for this great mercy, in which they were led by the Bishop.

RESOLUTIONS,

MISSIONS.

Resolved 1. That before the first day of May next the preachers in charge shall take up a collection in every congregation of their respective appointments to meet the assessment made on such appointment for the support of the Missions established by the Conference Board, commonly called Domestic Missions, and shall send the sums so collected directly to Rev. P A. Heard, Athens, Ga., Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions.

Resolved 2. That the collection to meet the apportoinment of this Conference for support of Foreign and General Missions shall be taken up in every congregation, at such times as the preachers in charge shall choose, but on a day differing from that on which a collection for the Conference Missions is taken, and the sums so collected shall be sent directly to P. A. Heard, Athens, Ga., Treasurer, to be transmitted by him to the Treasurer of the General Conference.

Resolved 3. That the apportionment of this Conference for Foreign Missions, and the appropriations by the Conference Board for Domestic Missions shall be properly divided by the Conference Board among the Presiding Elders' Districts, and by the Presiding Elders among the several charges.

PARSONAGES.

Resolved That the Presiding Elders, Preachers in charge, and District Stewards, as well rs the Stewards in each charge, be requested to co-operate and secure a good parsonage in every appointment of this Conference.

FAST DAYS.

Resolved, That the first Fridays in April and August be observed throughout the boundaries of the Conference as days of fasting and prayer.

SACRAMENT OF LORD'S SUPPER.

Resolved, That the Friday night of every Conference be a standing appointment for the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ASSESSMENTS.

DISTRICTS.	Foreign Mission.	Domestic Mission.	Superan- uated.	Bishops.	Totals.
Athens	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 300	\$ 3,500
Atlanta	600	,1,200	1,600	300	3,700
Augusta	500	1,000	1,600	300	3,400
Dalton	400	500	800	140	1,840
Elberton	350	450	500	140	1,440
Gainesville	300	250	250	50	850
Griffin	500	750	1,300	140	2,700
LaGrange	500	700	1,300	150	2,650
Rome	400	500	900	140	1,940
Totals	\$4,150	\$ 6,350	\$ 9,850	\$ 1,670	\$ 22,020

COURSE OF STUDY.

[REVISED.]

FOR ADMISSION ON TRAIL.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters I., Sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chapters I. and II.; Wesley's Sermons, Volume I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Preacher's Manual; History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South, by Redford; Written Sermons on Repentance.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compand; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its Prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, Volume II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters II. III., IV.; Manual of Discipline. Chapters III. and IV.; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus Hand-Book of the Bible; Claude's Essays on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickerstith on the Spirit of Life; Whateley's Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the life of Christ; Wesley's Sermon's, Volume III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Coppee's Logic; Rivers' Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter V to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chapters V VI. and VII.; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference.—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whateley's Logic.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Volume IV.; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on the Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chapters VIII. and IX.; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

Commentaries.—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospel, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, MacKnight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

Note.—The examination will be confined to the Course of Study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted.

MEMORIAM.

Lewis Ledeetter-Dicd in Washington, June 4, 1867; entered the Itinerancy 1857.

WILLIAM G. ALLEN-Died in Monroc county, Sept. 13, 1867, aged 43

years; entered the itinerancy 1853.

Jackson Rush—Died in Whitesville, Oct. 29, 1867, aged 50 years; en-

tered the itinerancy 1852.

John Walker Glenn—Died in Vann's Valley, April 20, 1868, aged 71

years; entered the itinerancy 1836.

T. J. Embry-Died in Troup county, March 1, 1868, aged 42 years; entered the itinerancy 1859.

John C. Simmons—Died in Thomaston, April 3, 1868, aged 62 years; entered the itincrancy 1830.

Lemuel Q. Allen—Died in Dawson county, Aug. 11, 1868, aged 43

years; entered the itinerancy 1852.

James Quillian—died in White county, Jan. —, 1869, aged 76 years; entered the itinerancy 1844.

John R. Gaines—Died in Canton, Jan. 10, 1869, aged 39 years; entered the itinerancy 1861.
WESLEY P ARNOLD—Died in Clinton, Dec. —, 1869; entered the itin-

erancy 1827.

John W. Reynolds—Dicd in Culloden, Dec. —, 1869; entered the itin-

erancy 1856.

WILLIAM H. EVANS-Dicd in Oxford, July -, 1870; entered the itinerancy 1841.

EDWARD W. REYNOLDS-Died in Fayette county, Nov. -, 1870, aged 70 years; entered the itinerancy 1834. John Wesley Turner—Died in Senoia, May 27, 1871, aged 44 years;

entered the itinerancy 1855.

ALFRED G. CARPENTER-Died in Cumming, Sept. 30, 1871; entered the itinerancy 1868.

BENJ. L. HARPER-Lay delegate from Griffin District, died in Athens,

1871, during session of Conference.

WILLIAM J. PARKS-Died in Oxford, Oct. 16, 1873, aged 74 years; entered the itinerancy 1822.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

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NAMES.	WHERE.	мпел	CONFERENCE,	мнеи	ordaine BoU	onisbrO H	wпе ве.	мнем	REMARKS.
Joshua Soule.	Maine.	1781	. 1781 New York 1799 1801 1803 Baltimorc	1799	1801	[803]		1824	1824 Died in Tenn., March, 1867.
James O. Andrew	Georgia	1794	South Carolina 1812 1714 1816 Philadelphia	1812	1714	1816		1832	Residence, Summerfield, Ala.
William Capers.	South Carolina	1790	South Carolina 1790 South Carolina 1808 1810 1812 Petersburg	1808	1810	[813]		1846	. 1846 Died in S. Carolina, Jan., '55.
Robert Paine	. North Carolina 1799 Tennessee	1799		1818	$ 822 _1$	1824	. 1818 1822 1824 Petersburg.	1846	1846 Residence, Aberdeen, Miss.
Henry B. Baseom	. New York	. 1796 Ohio	:	1813	1815	1817	1813 1815 1817 St. Louis	1850	1850 Died in Kentucky, Sep., 1850.
George F. Pierce	Georgia	1811	. 1811 Georgia	1830	1832	834	1830 1832 1834 Columbus, Ga	1854	. 1854 Residence, Sparta, Ga.
John Early	Virginia	1786	1786 Virginia	1807	1807 1809 1811		Columbus, Ga	1854	1854 Residence, Lynchburg, Va.
H. H. Kavanaugh.	Kentueky	1803	1802 Kentucky	1823	1825	827	1823 1825 1827 Columbus, Ga.	1854	1854 Residence, Lexington, Ky.
Wm. M. Wightman.	. South Carolina 1808 South Carolina 1828 1830 1832 New Orleans.	1808	South Carolina	1828	1830	833		1866	1866 Residence, Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin	. Missouri	1823	1823 Missouri	1841	1843 1	845	1841 1843 1845 New Orlcans	1866	1866 Residence, St. Louis, Mo.
David S. Doggett	Virginia.	1810	. 1810 Virginia	6281	1832	833	1829 1832 1833 New Orleans.	1866	. 1866 Residence, Richmond, Va.
II. N. McTyeire	South Carolina 1824	1824	Virginia	1845	1848 1	840	1845 1848 1849 New Orleans.	1866	. 1866 Residence, Nashville, Tenn.
John C. Keener	Maryland.	1819	1819 Alabama	1842	1844 1	846	1842 1844 1846 Memphis, Tenn	1870	Tenn 1870 Residence, New Orleans, La.

GENERAL MINUTES OF 1873.

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Baltimore	23,796	19,677	\$ 3,975 00	\$ 4,302 03
Virginia	45,561	29,981	5,046 23	7,571 12
West Virginia	11,657	7,157	639 99	
Holston	35.948	18,123	1,188 74	3,401 89
North Carolina	49,756	25,717	4,006 10	4,522 60
South Carolina	37,348	17,181	4,745 50	4,632 38
North Georgia	48,426	25,345	5,908 00	7,615 05
South Georgia	26,698	11,201	3,963 90	6,217 70
Florida	7,320	3,008	927 26	1,040 80
Alabama	28,207	13,551	4,152 35	4,564 75
North Alabama	29,556	13,712	1,272 60	2,500 65
Louisiana	12,889	5,405	2,128 50	2,975 70
Mississippi	19,945	7,319	1,958 30	1,847 80
North Mississippi	26,149	9,541	1,949 55	2,594 80
Memphis	30,376	15,291	2,039 25	4,785 55
Tennessee	40,187	18,945	2,476 80	5,505 75
Kentucky	19,857	8,041	1,658 00	2,762 93
Louisville	29,426	10,905	2,147 90	4,500 00
St. Louis.	10,021	4,640	1,330 35	1,807 63
West St. Louis	[14,172]	5,045	1,174 19	1,590 35
Missouri	23,209	13,100	2,174 60	4,227 63
Western	3,067	1,863	127 00	473 08
Indian Mission	5,404		,	965 45
Arkansas	11,347	3,586	220 00	504 00
White River	10,450	2,858		1,332 00
Little Rock	15,079	5,633		4,178 65
Trinity	15,223	5,244	1,488 75	1,118 05
East Texas	9,237	3,751	1,190 70	1,317 00
Texas	6,743	3,486		2,362 72
Northwest Texas	14,356	4,390		
West Texas	3,981	1,621	497 45	0.0 -
Los Angelos	803	483		
Pacific	3,426			955 55
Columbia	1,085			307 30
Illinois	5,628	3,595	190 00	426 86
China Missions	86			
Bishops	8	· · · · · · · · ·		
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Statistics from the First to the Eighth North Georgia Conference.

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PLACE WHERE HELD,	TIME.	Bishops Pres	Members.	Local Preachers	Adults Bapti	Number.	Scholars.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
Griffin Rome Augusta Athens Atlanta Newnan	Dec. 1868 Dec. 1869 Dec. 1870 Dec. 1871 Dec. 1872 Dec. 1873	Pierce. Paine Doggett Pierce Wightman Marvin Paine Wightman	40,495 40,838 42,127 44,274 46,447 47,696	375 409 395 419 412 416	2,617 2,097 2,529 3,028 2,641 2,800	495 483 452 470 502 499	27,020 26,046 22,795 24,692 23,862 24,343	552 548 557 582 587 591	370,440 394,650 404,445 532,410 643,505 668,379	43 44 42 45 49 51	64,710 72,300 81,800 81,650

Money Raised and Appropriated.

Table No. 2.

YEAR.	Building Repairing,	Preachear in Charge.	Presiding Elders.	Bishop.	Conference Claimants.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Other purposes.
1867. 1868. 1869. 1870.	$\begin{bmatrix} 23,489 \\ 24,803 \end{bmatrix}$	\$48,389 55.043 63,502 66,205	6,766 8,467		4,830		\$3,620 3,906 4,222 4,999	4,372	
1871 1872 1873 1874	81.145	69.791 73,350 73,430 75,000	9.945 10,350 10,207 10,677	1,493	5,277 5.472	7,5		4,769 5,226 4,921 4,921	6,961

SKETCHES OF CHURCHES.

SPARTA CHURCH.

BY REV. GEORGE H. PATTILLO.

The village of Sparta was settled in 1897. About this period Humphries and Major, two pioneers of Methodism in Middle Georgia, preached in this region. Bishop Asbury visited Sparta and baptised children here who are now about seventy years of age. In 1802 Daniel Clements bequeathed \$200 to build a "meeting-house" for the use of a "Religious Society." It is presumable that a "Society" was in existence at the time of this bequest, and that it was Methodist, inasmuch as they were here many years prior to any other denomination. It is probable, therefore, that the Methodist Church was organized in this town during the last years of the 18th Century.

Sparta appears for the first time in the Minutes, in connection with the Oconee District of the South Carolina Conference, then embracing Georgia. In 1805, J. H. Mellard and Reddick Piercc were the preachers. In 1806 Robt. Flournoy deeded to John Lucas and Henry Moss, Trustees of the Methodist Society, one acre of land, on which was erected soon after a small framed meeting-house, which continued to be used till 1824, when it was substituted with a much larger and more substantial edifice. This building is still in use, though modern architecture has so modified and adorned it that its old friends would fail to recognize it as the same. It is now one of the prettiest and most convenient church buildings in the

On the 29th of December, 1806, the South Carolina Conference met in Sparta, at the residence of John Lucas. Here Dr. Lovick Pierce was ordained Deacon, and William Arnold was received on trial. From this Conference Jesse Lee, the renowned pioneer of New England Methodism, and James Russell, the Boarnergis of his day, were sent to Sparta Circuit. We have not the space to record the names of the honored Itinerants who from this time onward labored earnestly for the Lord in this field. Of the many laymen, who joined them in their fight for the Lord of Hosts, we may mention the name of John Lucas, who first sustained the financial interests of the Church. His house was the preacher's home, and was honored, perhaps, above any other in this State, in having entertained an Annual Conference of Preachers. In Phillip Turner's house was held the first Class-meeting ever convened in Sparta, and his descendants to the third and fourth generation evince that his consistant walk left a salutary impression on their minds. Dr. Charles E. Haynes, for many years a member of Congress, carried his Methodism with him to Washington, and in all caucuses, levees, and on the floor of Congress, kept his Christian character unspotted from the world.

In 1838 John P. Duncan was the preacher and George F. Pierce the Presiding Elder. During this year a gracious revival of religion was experienced. Some inroad was made upon the old infidel families of the place and several heads of families were added to the Church. Previous to this the white membership was about 60; subsequently it varied from from 100 to 150. In August, 1843, (M. H. Whitebeiry, the preacher) a revival broke out, and was continued for weeks, which resulted in the converson of 120, who united with the different churches in town and country. The Baptist Church was considerably strengthened by this work, and the Presbyterian Church in this place was an offshoot from it.

In 1854 the Sparta Station was created, and C. W. Key was first pastor. Dr. Wm. J. Sasnett, who was reared near this place, was a member of this Church, was by it licensed to preach, and, after years of toil and suffering, came back to preach his last sermon in its pulpit and to be buried with his forefathers in the Church grave yard, with whom, we trust, he will rise in the "first resurrection."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

BY REV. C. E. DOWMAN.

The history of Methodism in Augusta begins as far back as 1797. In that year Hope Hull labored there as Missionary. The next year there was no regular preacher. In 1799 Stith Mead was the second Missionary, and in 1800 William Avant and Stith Mead were the preachers. The labors of these men were successful, and in 1801, John Garvin being preacher in charge, the first "Methodist meeting-house" was creeted, and, on the 24th of May, was dedicated by services conducted by Hope Hull and Benj. Blanton. This "meeting-house" was called "Asbury Chapel." It stood on the same lot on which St. John's Church now stands, and was used till 1844, when the present building was erected.

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St. John's is the mother of Methodist churches in Augusta. This was the only Church till 1855, when a new Church (St. James') was built, and

a Society formed from the membership of the old Church.

In 1859 another Church was established, growing out of Sunday School and missionary labors done by and under the direction of St. John's Church, and to this many of her members were transferred. The success of this enterprise is seen in the present and increasing importance of Asbury Chapel.

For many years St. John's had also a large colored membership. About 1849 they were organized as a separate Church, called "Trinity," and served as a colored mission till the close of the war. Trinity is now an important and flourishing charge, belonging to "The Colored M. E.

Church in America."

As a result of the evangelical labors commenced by the Methodist Church in Augusta in 1797, there are now in these four churches nearly

two thousand five hundred members.

Many "dear and venerable names" of the heroic days of Georgia Methodism are recorded on the list of pastors of St. John's Church. Besides those already mentioned as the founders of the Church, we find the names of John and Levi Garrison, Reddick Pierce, Abda Christian, Samuel Dunwoody, Nicolas Talley, James O. Andrew, and many others, who have entered into their reward. Dr. Lovick Pierce*, who was first stationed at Augusta in 1807, is the only one of his co-laborers of that early day whostill remains. Among the pastors of later years are numbered many whom the Church "delights to honor."

A noble army of saints from the membership of St. John's Church have

already "crossed the flood."

* The following paragraph is from a recent letter of Dr. Pierce, from Augusta, to the Southern Christian Advocate.—Ed. Min.

[&]quot;I am up, as you see; preached yesterday, and administered the Holy Communion. Had a good time at old St. John's—On this lot, I think, was erected the first Methodist house of worship ever creeted in a town in Georgia—the work of Stith Mead, an imported Presiding Elder. Here I filled my first station in 1807. It is full of very precious memories.

"Yours as usual, L. Pierce."

The first generation of her members has entirely passed away. Some of their children and those who knew them yet remain, connecting the present with the past; but they "are to the margin come," and a few more years will sever these living links that join the Church of to-day with that which was founded three-quarters of a century ago.

The results of the work done in the cause of Christ in and through the instrumentality of this Church have been very gracious and extensive, but the great day alone can fully reveal the fruits of these works of faith and labors of love. The fathers who labored received many an earnest of success. They have passed away and others are entered into their labors.

But then, they who sowed and they who reap shall rejoice together.

ATHENS CHURCH.

BY DR. HENRY HULL.

In the year 1803 Rev. Hope Hull moved to Athens and found a few Methodists in the neighborhood, whom he organized into a Society, which worshiped in a small log cabin about a mile and a half south from the town. Some years after a more respectable house, of hewn logs with shingle roof, was built, where is now the Fair ground, and was called Hull's Meeting-house, his residence being a few hundred yards east of it. The Appalachee Circuit was organized in 1804, and embraced all the country north and west of Green county inclusive. It became, in a few years, the most important Circuit in the Conference, and men of the greatest ability were put in charge. The first two were Benj. Watts and Eppes Tucker. In 1806 Lovick Pierce and Joseph Tarpley were appointed to the Circuit, and, after them, James Russell and Judge Hilliard.

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The Society in Athens, small for many years, had preaching on week days by the Circuit preachers, and, occasionally, by Hope Hull. After his death, in 1818, the Society was so much reduced that for a short time it was left out of the list of appointments. In 1825 (or about that time) a Methodist Church was built in Athens. It was a wooden structure and the first church building erceted in the town. There had been religious services in the College chapel by preachers of several denominations. But no house of worship had been built by any one denomination. For the remainder of that year Rev. Thomas Stanley, Rector of the Female Academy, was placed in charge of the first Methodist Society organized in Athens, and Dr. Lovick Pierce was sent to the appointment by the succeeding Annual Conference. The Society consisted of a small membership of matured men and women thoroughly Methodistic in faith and practice.

The congregation worshiped in the wooden building (twenty feet being added to the original house in the meanwhile) until 1851 or 1852, when the present brick Church was built during the pastoral charge of Dr. Eustace W. Speer. He was succeeded by Dr. Alfred T. Mann. Other noble preachers have served this Station, such as Dr. Pierce, Dr. Few, Bishop Andrews, Dr. Boring, Dr. Key, Dr. Whitefoord Smith, and others.

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Another great revival occurred in 1846, when Dr. James E. Evans was in charge. In July he reported the names of sixty-three white and forty-seven colored members "received since last Quarterly Meeting."

In the year 1866, when the Church was in charge of Harwell H. Parks, another great awakening visited the community, resulting in the addition of over 100 to the Methodist Church and many also to other churches in the town. The preacher in charge was aided during this revival by G. J. Pearce and other ministers.

Other meetings of great value to the Church occurred in various years,

the Church meanwhile steadily increasing in numbers and influence until it was reported to the Annual Conference of 1871 as having 500 members. In 1870, when Clement A. Evans and William Simmons were in charge, the new Church called "Oconee Street" was built on a lot given by John W. Nichelson. The building was provided an all the following was provided as a supplied of the following was a supplied of the following was provided as a supplied of the following was W Nicholson. The building was nearly completed during the following two years, in which time the newly-formed Church was served by Charles J. Oliver. He was succeeded by Miles W. Arnold, in charge this year of Oconce Street Church, while Josiah Lewis, Jr., is in charge of Athens Church.

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William May Wightman, D. D., L. L. D., the Bishop presiding in the present Conference, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, Jan. 8, 1808. He joined the Church at the age of sixteen, and graduated at the college in Charleston in the year 1827. One year later he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, and served on various Circuits and Statistical Carolina Conference, and served on Floridally, Mason College and Statistical Carolina Conference, and served on the Parallelly, Mason College and Statistical Carolina Conference, and served on the Carolina Conference o tions until 1834, when he was appointed agent of Randolph Macon College, and continued on that work for three years. He was then elected to the Chair of English Literature in that College; but two years after he sought the field of the itinerancy again and was made Presiding Elder of Cokesbury District. The General Conference of 1840 elected him Editor of the Southern Christian Advances and in 1874 he was elected to the of the Southern Christian Advocate, and in 1854 he was elected to the Presidency of Wofford College, where he remained until 1859, when he was chosen Chancellor of the Southern University, at Greensboro, Ala. From this last position he was elevated to the Episcopal office by the General Conference of 1866. It will be seen from this general sketch that the Bishop has had a large and varied experience in all the affairs of the Church, and in all its work, from the Circuit to the arduous duties of the Episcopal office. He has filled all these places with marked ability, growing always in the favor and affection of the Church and people. His preaching is noted for sound doctrine, scholarly elegance, eloquence and spiritual fervor. He presides with grace, and dispatches the Conference business with rapidity. His age sits lightly upon him, and the Church will, in all probability, enjoy his ministrations many years.

Pishop Pierce was present a few days of the Conference.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on Friday night, Dr. James E. Evans conducting the services, and Love Feast on Sunday morning, Rev. J. E. Godfrey leading. Notwithstanding the rain which fell during the entire morning, the Church was densely occupied with people who had come to hear the sermon of Bishop Wightman. In the afternoon the Sunday School Board held their anniversary meeting. inclement weather prevented the attendance of the children, but a large audience of grown people assembled and listened with deep interest to the address of Dr. Haygood. The Missionary Anniversary was held on

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Saturday evening, when the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, and an address of great interest and power was made by Dr. Haygood, the Associate Missionary Secretary. A collection for missionary purposes was taken, amounting to about eight hundred dollars.

The Widow and Orphan Aid Association held two public meetings during the Conference. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Clement A. Evans, President; W F. Cook, Vice President; George H. Pattillo, Secretary and Treasurer, and W. A. Parks, General Agent. No salaries whatever are paid to any officer. The object of the Association is to provide a small fund to be paid over to the widow and orphans of any traveling preacher of this Conference who is a member of the Association and dies in the work.

Emory College was represented by Dr. O. L. Smith, President, in an entertaining address, listened to with great interest by the Conference. Professor Smith, of Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, and President Rogers, of the Dalton Female College, were also present in the interests of those institutions.

Cartersville, where the Conference members and visitors were most hospitably entertained, is one of the thriving towns of Georgia. It has increased since the war from a population of about 500 to the present number of 3,500. The citizens are hospitable, intelligent and enterprising. In the little city are four excellent church buildings for white congregations, and three for colored people. The schools are good, and the general society refined. Surrounding the place are extensive tracts of very fertile farm lands, and inexhaustible beds of iron ore. The climate and water are fine. All these things contribute to its continued prosperity. The Bishop, seeing the fitness of such an appointment, has placed Rev. A. J. Jarrell, one of the best of the preachers, in charge of this Station.

A good deal of valuable matter, specially prepared for the Minutes, has been necessarily left out, because the volume cannot be increased beyond the present size unless the subscription list be increased. Subscribers will please remit at once the amounts due by them directly to Clement A. Evans, Augusta, Ga. About 200 extra copies are on hand for sale. Price, \$1 for ten copies.

Particular attention is called to the Advertisements appended to this edition of the Minutes. They were secured in order that the Minutes might be published without loss. The advertisers are all reliable and worthy of patronage.

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